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HONGKONG'S BUDGET.

NO NEW TAXES PROPOSED.

FOUR MILLION DOLLARS FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

BIG SCHEMES FOR OPENING UP NEW AREAS.

To-day was Hongkong's Budget Day, and at the meeting of the Legislative Council held this morning, His Excellency the Governor, (Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.) made his first Budget speech. The actual business transacted was the moving by the Hon. Colonial Secretary, (Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G.) of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding \$11,173,226 to the Public Service of the year 1920.

MAIN FEATURES OF THE BUDGET.

His Excellency's speech is given fully below, the main points of which may be summarised as follows:—

The Credit Balance on December 31, 1918, was \$5,681,138.

Estimated Revenue for the Current Year \$17,056,410.

Estimated Expenditure for the Current Year \$15,078,600.

Estimated Revenue for 1920 \$15,314,800.

Estimated Expenditure for 1920 \$14,856,473.

Estimated Credit Balance on December 31, 1920 \$428,327.

Among the main items of expenditure provided for in the coming year are:—

Special allowances on the salaries of Civil Servants, pending a general revision of salaries \$465,000.

Increases in Police and Prison Department, owing to the enlargement of the Police Force \$71,323.

Increase in the expenditure on Education \$78,090.

The profit on the working of the Hongkong Post Office for 1918 was \$270,000.

An entirely new item in the Budget is that in aid of local Chinese Charities, amounting to \$25,000.

Under the heading of Public Works a considerable expansion of the Department Staff is provided for and the expenditure on Public Works Extraordinary is estimated to be close on \$4,000,000.

This amount is nearly double the amount provided for this year and nearly three times the amount spent in recent years, which is accounted for by the proposed pushing forward of work held up during the war and the beginning of several new big developments.

It is proposed to build several new Government quarters, including twelve new houses in Wong Nei Cheong Road, six of which are to be leased for two years to the Naval Authorities, to house naval civil officers at present occupying military quarters; and the erection of a building on the Peak as summer quarters for the families of Police officers.

The widening of the road between North Point and Quarry Point is proposed at a cost of \$50,000.

It is proposed to open the Kennedy Road for motor traffic. A new Fire Brigade Station for Hongkong is to be built.

There is also provided money for the construction of a road over Wong Nei Cheong Gap to Deep Water Bay, and the present road to Wanchai Gap will be extended to Magazine Gap.

For the commencement of work to make Victoria Road suitable for heavy motor traffic there is set aside the sum of \$50,000.

It is also contemplated opening up new sites for residences in the Hill District, particularly on Mount Cameron, and in this connection there will be commenced the construction of a tramway to Wanchai Gap.

Kowloon residents will be interested to learn that it is proposed to commence the building of a new Fire Station, a Police Station, and carry out improvements at the Water Police Station. To make new roads and improve the existing roads in the Peninsula there has been provided \$150,000.

Provision is also made for the laying of larger water mains in Kowloon and for improving the distribution system.

His Excellency stated that the provision of suitable means of transport and the erection of a hospital in Kowloon appear to be matters requiring early attention.

Taipean and Taipo Markets are to have a scheme of electric lighting.

FULL TEXT OF THE SPEECH.

His Excellency said:—Honourable Members of the Legislative Council,—Within a few days of my arrival in the Colony I find myself in the position, on presiding over this Council for the first time, of laying before you the annual statement of the financial position of the Colony and the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for next year.

It was estimated at this time last year that the balance of assets over liabilities on the 31st December, 1918, would amount to \$4,595,212, but the actual balance was \$5,681,138.

It is now estimated that the revenue for the current year will amount to the sum of \$17,056,410, or \$172,195 more than the original estimate.

The expenditure for this year under the heads in the Estimates which was originally estimated

at \$14,677,896 is now expected to amount to \$15,078,600, but it must be added this estimate takes no account of the result of the purchase and sale of rice during the past three months, as it is impossible at present to arrive at even an approximate estimate of what sum will be required to make up the deficit on that account.

REVENUE.

The Estimates of Revenue for next year show I am glad to say, a healthy condition, for whereas on the one hand a large decrease is shown in the receipts of the Opium Monopoly the increases in the more permanent heads of revenue amount to over a million dollars. The estimated Revenue for 1920 is \$15,314,800, being \$1,569,415 less than the approved estimate for the current year, and \$1,741,610 less than the revised estimate. The principal increases are:—

Light Dues, Special	\$35,000
Assessment	35,000
Assessed Taxes	111,960
Carriage, Chair &c.	
Licences	17,500
Fines	15,360
Kowloon (West) Ferry	
Licences	118,800
Pawnbrokers' Licences	12,300
Stamp Duties	100,000
Tobacco Duties	100,000
China Companies Fees	40,000
Engagement and Discharge of Seamen	15,000
Fees for use of Government Boats	20,000
Medical Treatment	12,000
Postage	15,000
Railway	46,800
Buildings	14,810
Lands not leased	26,130
Leased Lands (New Territories)	11,250
Interest	272,000
	\$1,018,910

while the two main decreases are the amount obtained from the Special War Rate, \$1,095,000, and a sum of \$1,500,000 less from the Opium Monopoly.

EXPENDITURE.

The expenditure for next year is estimated to amount to \$14,856,473 which is \$208,577 more than the estimated expenditure for the current year. The various increases and decreases in each department and the reasons therefor are fully set out in the Sessional Paper which has been laid on the Table.

Under the Head of Governor, Special Expenditure, a vote of \$10,000 has been inserted for the renewal of Government House furniture. I regret that I should be in the position of asking for this vote on my first appearance as President, but the present condition of Government House has been unfavourably commented upon in this Council and, I think, with justice.

In the Colonial Secretary's Department, provision has been made for two new Unpassed Cadets, no appointments to the Cadet Service having been made during the war. Under Special Expenditure a sum of \$650 has been inserted for the purchase of Document Presses and Cabinets.

With a view to training a clerk to take charge of the Stamp Office in the Treasury on the retirement of the present Higher Grade Clerk, one First Grade Clerk has been added to the staff of the Stamp Office.

In the Harbour Master's Department, the posts of Lighthouse-keepers have been divided into two classes and are not now numbered according to seniority. The post of Principal Lighthouse-keeper has been abolished on the retirement of the holder on pension, and also one post of 2nd Grade Lighthouse-keeper while two new posts of 2nd Class Lighthouse-keepers have been inserted. A new sub-head appears, namely, Blackhead's Hill Signal Station, the staff of which has been re-organised.

Under Other Charges, increases amounting in all to \$6,000 have been made, the present votes having proved insufficient. The votes for coal have been reduced owing to the price being lower.

In the Imports and Exports Department, the post of Temporary Higher Grade Clerk has been abolished and the sum of \$10,000 inserted for the staff for Salt Control is not at present required.

Under Other Charges, increases amounting to \$1,500 have been considered necessary in the votes for Secret Service and Transport. A large decrease however occurs in the vote for the purchase of raw opium of \$350,000, as it is expected that much less opium will be boiled next year. The votes for the purchase and upkeep of a launch for the Salt Control are also not required.

Under Miscellaneous Services there are several increases amounting in all to \$4,594 while decreases occur to the extent of \$3,231. The reasons for these increases and decreases are fully given in the footnotes. A sum of \$465,000 has been inserted to cover the Special Allowances on Salaries which have been granted to the Civil Service pending a general revision of salaries.

Miscellaneous Services as a whole, however, show a large decrease. This is due to the large

sums formerly voted for War Expenditure not now being required. The decrease under this head amounts to \$1,510,219.

Passing to the Judicial and Legal Departments, I would point out that the post of Assistant Interpreter in the Supreme Court has been abolished. It is considered that fully qualified Chinese Interpreters are now available for the Interpretation required and one 2nd Grade Interpreter has therefore been substituted for that post.

POLICE REORGANISATION.

A considerable increase is shown in the Estimates for the Police and Prison Departments, amounting in all to \$71,323. The war being over, we are again able to obtain from home able-bodied recruits for the Police Force and an effort has therefore been made not only to bring the Police Force up to its pre-war strength so far as the European contingent is concerned, but also by certain re-organisations to bring the Force into conformity with the needs of the present day. A list of the new posts which it has been considered necessary to make in the Police Department is shown in Appendix II of the Estimates and the net increase in Personal Emoluments resulting therefrom is approximately \$37,000. Increases have also been considered necessary in several votes under Other Charges of the Police Department amounting to \$34,766, but reductions have been possible in other votes so that the net increase is reduced to \$12,566. These increases and decreases are fully enumerated in the Abstract laid on the Table.

The introduction of 2900 fire-engines has necessitated also the re-organisation of the Fire Brigade. Five new posts of Fire Brigade Chauffeurs have been added, two European Steam-engine Drivers have been dispensed with and the number of firemen has been increased by nine. Increases under Other Charges have been required also on account of the rise in the cost of materials for repairs and of the increased number of engines that have now to be kept in good order.

I have read with much satisfaction the excellent record of the work done by members of the Police Force during the war. Their numbers have been much depleted while their duties have been increased and they are to be congratulated on the manner in which they have grappled with the situation. In doing so they have been ably assisted by the Police Reserve which has been recently demobilised and to which I now desire to express the gratitude and appreciation of the community. Those members of the Police Force who went on active service have nearly all returned, though some have given up their lives. The war record of the force will always redound to its credit, and will I hope be suitably commemorated in the new building of the Central Police Station.

In the Prison Department, additional house allowances have been granted to the Wardens of the Indian Staff to enable senior officers to marry. Under Other Charges, increases in several votes have been necessary on account of the general rise in price of commodities, amounting in all to \$11,700.

Under Special Expenditure for the Police and Prison Departments a sum of \$10,000 has been inserted for the purchase of arms in order to bring up to date the equipment of the Police Force. \$1,300 has also been inserted for two motor cycles with a view to the more efficient patrolling of outlying districts and \$6,300 has been included for the purchase of a shallow draught motor boat which will be used on the shallow waters at the head of Deep Bay. A sum of \$3,333 has also been inserted for the purchase of new type and numbering machines for the printing department in the Gaol.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

In the Medical Department a new post of Steward has been created for the purpose of providing a better check on the receipt and issue of daily supplies and for the general supervision of the native staff of

the Government Civil Hospital. The travelling allowances granted to Nursing Sisters and Probationers have been revised and, in view of present needs, increased.

On account of the opening of a new ward in the Government Civil Hospital an increase in staff has been required, while the extension to the Sisters' Quarters has also necessitated an addition to their domestic servants. These additions are fully shown in Appendix II. The opening of the new ward and the increase in the cost of commodities generally have also caused several increases in Other Charges amounting in all to \$8,200. Several decreases have, however, been effected in other votes, amounting to \$1,550. The extension to the Lunatic Asylum, has also necessitated several increases amounting in all to \$340. Owing to the general resumption of trade and to the increased volume of shipping now arriving in this port it is considered necessary to increase the vote for coal for the launch of the Health Officer of the Port by \$300. Increases amounting to \$1,945 appear also in Other Charges for the Bacteriological Institute, due to the inclusion under that head of the sums formerly voted under Special Expenditure for the preparation of meningococcal serum. The rise in price of laboratory apparatus and chemicals necessitates also an increase of \$1,400 in Other Charges for the Government Laboratory.

SANITARY MATTERS.

In the Sanitary Department provision has been made for two additional Sanitary Inspectors together with two additional 5th Grade Interpreters to Sanitary Inspectors. These are required for work in Kowloon City and Shamshuipo where formerly Police Inspectors have acted as Sanitary Inspectors in addition to their other duties. It is felt that these rising townships now require full-time Inspectors. There are several other increases to the Sanitary Staff which are fully set out with the reasons therefor in Appendix II. In Other Charges several votes have been increased, resulting in a total increase of \$3,950; it has been possible however to reduce other votes to the extent of \$1,450. These increases and decreases are fully shown in the Abstract laid on the Table.

Under Special Expenditure provision has been made for one four wheeled street watering van and for six two wheeled dust carts to replace vehicles that have worn out in use. Further exhumations at Kai Lung Wan Cemetery and exhumations at Mount Caroline Cemetery necessitate votes amounting to \$7,400. For the better conveyance of meat and poultry from the Slaughter House to the Central Market, provision has been made of \$15,000 for the purchase of Motor

Meat and Poultry Vans. These, it is hoped, will remove the present every-day obstructions to the tramway, will provide a more sanitary method of conveying meat to the markets and will contribute to the revenue of the Colony from the fees which it is proposed to charge.

EDUCATION.

The Estimates for the Education Department have this year been put into what is believed to be a more suitable form, under groups of cognate schools. These estimates show an increase of \$73,090 over the sum voted for Education for the current year. This large increase is due mainly to increased subsidies to Vernacular Education in Hongkong and the New Territories, to increased Capitation Grants to schools recently included in the Grant Scheme and to a considerable strengthening of the Staff.

The increases in the staff of the various schools have been fully set out and explained in Appendix II and I need only refer to the addition of 12 Assistant Mistresses which has already been sanctioned by the Secretary of the Colonies. The depletion of the staff of the Education Department owing to the absence of many members on military service and the consequent introduction of lady teachers to take over their duties temporarily, has shown that the education of young Chinese boys can be advantageously placed in their hands.

Under Other Charges several small increases occur, the necessities of which are explained in the foot-notes attached to the Estimates.

The inclusion of new schools in the Grant Scheme has necessitated an increase in Capitation Grants amounting to \$19,771, while subsidies to schools in the New Territories have been increased by \$3,300 and a sum of \$10,000 has been inserted for Subsidies to Elementary Vernacular Schools in Hongkong. With the permission of the Secretary of State for the Colonies a sum of \$10,000 has also been inserted as a grant to the Confucian Society who have already done so much for Vernacular Education in the Colony.

Mention was made last year of the generous help that is being given by certain Chinese gentlemen to the cause of Vernacular Education, and the Government has no desire to be behind-hand in supporting their efforts. I hope that a considerable sum may be forthcoming for the erection of school buildings and for education generally, but as the money is not part of the revenue of the Colony it is unnecessary for me to go into the matter now.

DEFENCE CORPS THANKED.

In the Defence Corps Estimates the abolition of the post of Armourer-Sergeant and the insertion of an Armourer Attendant with a fee for periodical inspection

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 4s/3 3-16d.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast:—Fine. Barometer—29.95. Temperature 2 p.m.—81. Humidity 2 p.m.—61.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Harbour Swim—5 p.m.
Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Indo-China S. N. Co.—Shareholders' meeting—noon.
Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18.

M. C. L. Bazaar.—Governments House—2 to 7 p.m.
Wiseman's Ltd.—Shareholders meeting—12.30 p.m.

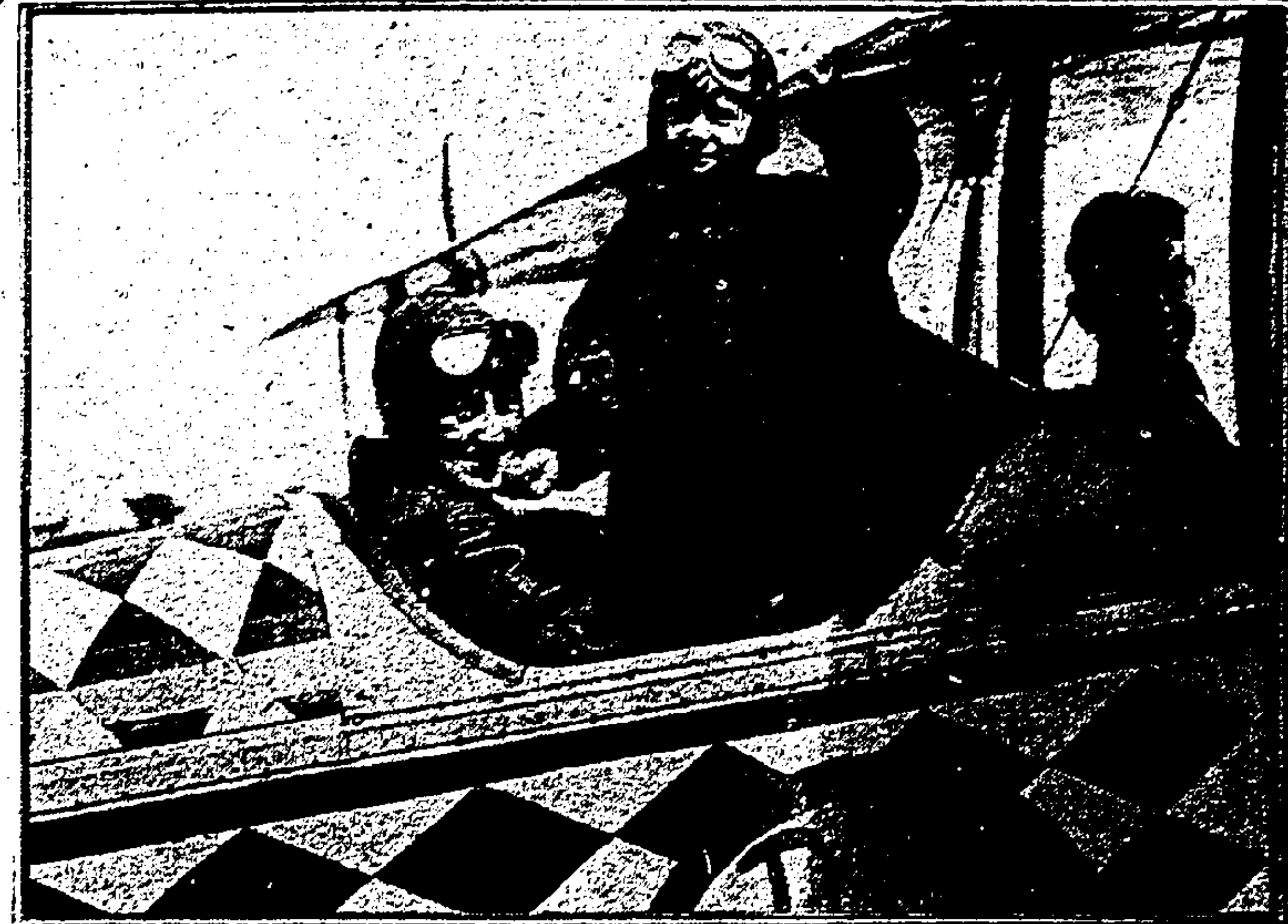
tions by an expert has caused a small reduction in Personal Emoluments.

Under Other Charges a sum of \$800 has been added to the vote for the upkeep of the Rifle Ranges, as this vote had previously been under-estimated. Considerable savings have however been made in other votes, resulting in a decrease of \$11,116. In connection with these votes I desire to express the appreciation of the Government of the excellent work done during the war by the members of the Defence Corps. I desire also to mention the valuable services rendered by Major Morgan as first Administrative Commandant, the high state of efficiency in the Corps being due, as I am informed, in no small measure to his efforts.

PUBLIC WORKS STAFF.

There has been in recent years, as Honourable Members are well aware, a considerable expansion of the work done by the Public Works Department. During the war any increase of the staff was of course impossible, but with the return to more normal conditions and with a large programme of Public Works in progress and in prospect, a considerable strengthening of the Department is required.

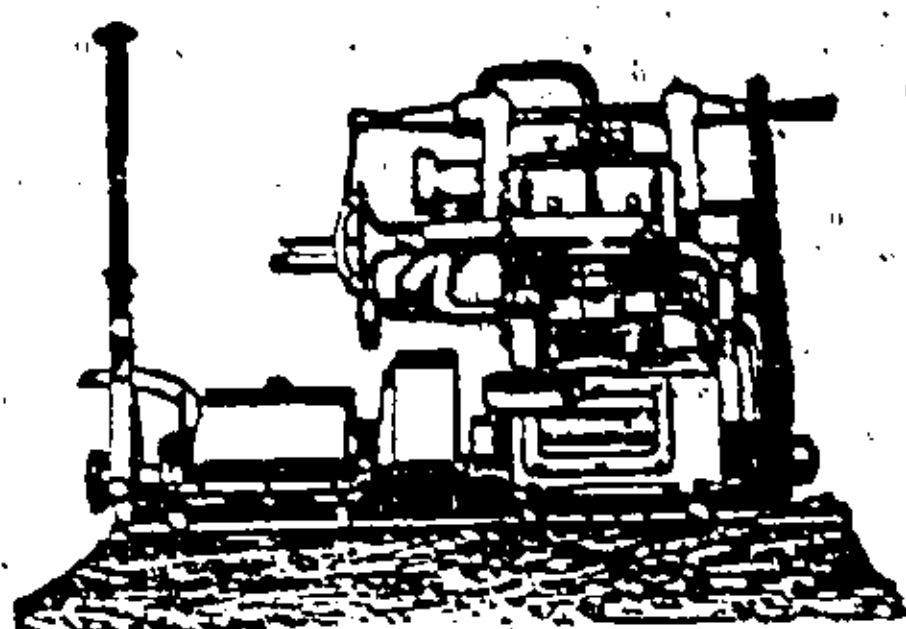
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A FOUR-YEAR-OLD AVIATOR.

Miss Virginia Marie Waibel, age four years, made her second aerial trip on August 24th, in company with her mother, Mrs. Harry C. Waibel, of Brooklyn, N.Y. The start was made from the flying field at Mineola, Long Island.

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THE UNCONQUERABLE & A CITY VIEW.

A very hopeful view of Britain's afterwar commerce and economics is taken by Mr. E. Mackay Edgar, a City man who, as head of the great trading firm of Sperling and Co. and as a frequent visitor to the United States, speaks with high authority. Especially is he reassuring regarding the "slump" in America.

"We in Great Britain have very little to fear from American competition," says Mr. Mackay Edgar. "Whoever we may be—bankers, financiers, manufacturers, merchants, shipowners, or ship builders—we in Great Britain can more than hold our own. The winning cards are in our hands, and it is simply a question of playing them rightly."

"Don't think that I am cringing America. That would be absurd in view of her size, wealth, resources, and the industrial character and aptitudes of her people. Her position is a very strong one. But so also is ours."

AMERICA'S TROUBLES.
"We see and know our own weaknesses and difficulties, and we do not see hers. But America has some pretty considerable troubles ahead of her and some very heavy handicaps to overcome. In my opinion we stand a better chance of getting through the rough waters than she does."

This question of the American exchange. It looks a very bad thing for us when the pound is only worth about 17s. in New York. So in a way it is. But it is very much worse for the Americans. It means that we cannot afford to purchase in the United States, that we will buy anywhere except there, and that we will only take such American goods and products as we are physically unable to get from some other country where the exchange is less adverse. The fall in the value of the pound as measured in dollars is the biggest obstacle to American exports that anyone could desire.

"America just" only wants to export all she can. She is loaded up with goods and products. She has paid extravagant and utterly uneconomic wages to produce them, and she has done so in the expectation that Europe would have to purchase them at any figure. But the European demand is falling off—largely because of the chaotic state of the exchanges.

"America must either sell at a loss or cut down production." In either case there is bound to be a drop in wages. And when wages begin to drop, then look out for squalls."

LONDON'S STRONG POSITION.
"We talk a lot over here about the demands of labour. We grumble at the high cost of living.

But our difficulties so far as labour and the cost of living are concerned are nothing to America's. Everything there—production, prices, and wages—has reached such a sky-high level that the drop when it comes—and it will come—will be nothing less than a crash.

"I am confident that it will be a very long while before the supremacy of London is shaken. America has the money, but she has little else. She not the experience or the facilities or the geographical advantages that we have for conducting the business of international finance."

"For generations the commerce of the world has got itself transacted through London; the channels have been cut very deep, and they will not be easily changed. London to-day is as predominantly the centre and clearing house of international trade and finance as she ever was."

"I have large shipbuilding interests in Great Britain, and I say quite simply that I do not fear American competition. Why not? In the first place because their yards cannot turn out, and will not be able to for a long while to come, the special ships for the purposes of special trades which are the backbone of the British mercantile marine."

"Secondly, because their costs of construction are very far ahead of ours."

"Thirdly, because their expenses of operating a ship are also, owing to legislation, at least 30 per cent heavier than ours."

"Fourthly, because they have not even the beginning of that wonderful network and organisation of shipping agencies which our own people have built up round the world."

"Fifthly, because a mercantile marine, which is a necessity to us, is a luxury to them."

"Sixthly, because the instinct for the sea has been very greatly impaired and because the ordinary American can always get a better paid and more congenial job on land."

NOT LIMITLESS RESOURCES.
"But I have another and stronger reason for not being alarmed by the prospect that lies before Great Britain. The predominance which America enjoys by reason of her command of vast natural resources is a rapidly wasting asset. Excessive and improvident exploitation, the growth of the country and the high consuming power of the people are using up her supplies of the basic metals and minerals."

GENERAL NEWS.

CHINESE COOK 'IN LONDON.

An extremely candid Chinese cook appeared before the Liverpool Stipendiary Magistrate recently charged with having assaulted a compatriot in an establishment run as a boarding-house for Celestial seafarers. It was stated that when a police officer interrogated the accused he said: "I cookey man. He (complainant) spit on the floor. I bit him on the head with a saucepan lid. Velly good. Me go to gaol." (Laughter.) The Stipendiary suggested that, if true, the defence seemed a good one, but for the prosecution it was stated that the accused sometimes became excited, and would "sometimes hit one person and sometimes another." A fine of 40s., with the alternative of 21 days' imprisonment, was inflicted.

CHINESE ON THE CINEMA.

The production of a new British film, "The Pursuit of Pamela," nearing completion, has been complicated by the fact that a Chinaman in an important part hardly understood English. "He plays a servant to Pamela (Miss Edna Flugrath)," said one of the company. "Ma-Fu (his name) was discovered in a troupe of Chinese acrobats at a small London hall. At the studio it was found that he could not understand stage directions and did not know what film-acting was. He could not be stopped in the middle of a scene and told, 'That's all right, Mr. Ma-Fu, but you overdid the last piece a little.' He had to be drilled in every action before the scene could be taken. In the end he did very well, especially in a death scene. We all talked 'Pidgin English' to spur him on, but he could not understand a word."

GHOST STORY FROM NORFOLK.

What seems to be a ghost story with a practical side to it comes from Norfolk. A Press correspondent says that a mysterious manifestation is now the subject of investigation at Swanton Novers Rectory. "For four days past liquids which appear to be petrol, paraffin, methylated spirits and also water have dripped without intermission from every ceiling in the house. These liquids apparently ooze from the plaster and laths to the ceiling, but examination has shown the plaster and laths to be quite dry. The trouble was supposed to be caused by the petrol lighting plant, but this has been cut off, and an expert has certified that the plant cannot be the cause. Meanwhile the house is uninhabitable, and the annoyance remains a complete mystery." It was in Norfolk recently that an oil-field of great richness was discovered. The Swanton Novers business seems to be one for the Society for Psychical Research.

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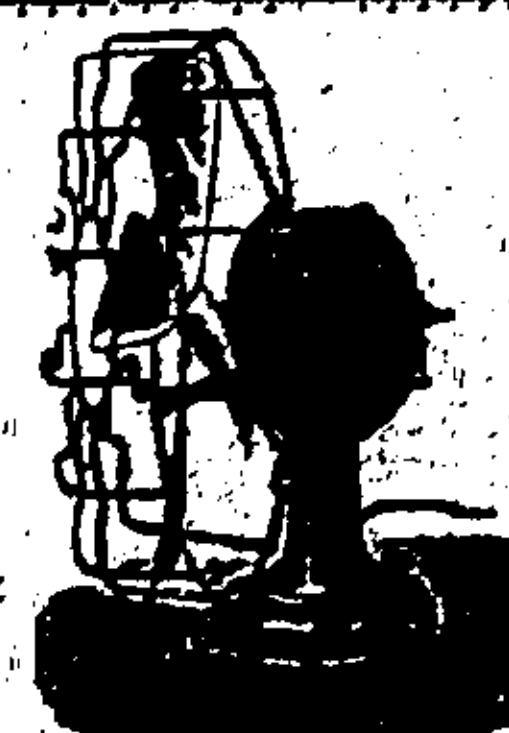
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Telegraph."SOME PARLIAMENTARY
REPUTATIONS.HOW THEY HAVE BEEN
MADE OR ENHANCED.

The Parliamentary Correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle* writes:—The record of the session in output of legislation is already known. In the performance a few Parliamentary reputations have been made, and others added to. So great a result implies an effort that was bound to discover new virtues and capacities, especially among the new men of the House of Commons.

This is not the place to appraise the reputation of the Prime Minister. It is sufficient for the purpose of the present review to say that his untiring energy in another sphere of responsibility was a continuous incentive to those whose duty kept them at Westminster. His rare visits to the House of Commons served to accentuate the depth and straightness of that marvellous influence.

Not less remarkable has been the great advance made during the session in the regard and the respect of the House of Commons by the joint leader of the Coalition. Mr. Bonar Law has grown strong in his leadership under the strain of his dual responsibility to the Paris Conference and the House of Commons. His tactfulness, a temper that no provocation could ruffle, and a sleepless attendance on the House, have been the characteristics of a really brilliant leadership of the Commons, and at the close of the session no Minister stood higher in the estimation of Parliament as a whole.

THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

Mr. Bonar Law has found admirable support in Mr. Shortt. The Home Secretary's exchange of the Irish Office for the Home Office has been a fortunate one for the Government. His calm courage, unflinching pursuit of a settled policy, and downright scorn of all humbug, have marked him as a strong man. His qualities as a debater have been most thorough.

The establishment of the Ministry of Health has kept Dr. Addison a good deal out of Parliament, and the housing campaign has made him still more busy with administrative matters since the Ministry of Health came into being. The Local Government Board that was needed a good deal of remodelling in order to adapt its organisation to the furtherance of the great social reforms which the Ministry of Health brought with it from Westminster.

The new wine of modern legislation could not be poured with safety into the worn-out vessels of a supposed Poor Law administration. New receptacles and new men had to be added, changes in personnel made, and office accommodation rearranged. This task was superimposed on that of securing the passage of the Ministry of Health Act, in itself a very notable achievement for the Minister, and one that will always be associated with the name of its first President.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S GRIP
OF FINANCE.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain's success as a Chancellor of the Exchequer lies in the future, but, in the opinion of most, he has "come on" distinctly in the Session. His grip of the financial situation is acknowledged, and his judgment is esteemed, the more as he is never dogmatic.

His colleague, Mr. Baldwin, Joint Secretary of the Treasury, is one of the most able of the younger Unionist Coalition members; and his chief will be one of the first to acknowledge his outstanding ability as an exponent of national finance.

Mr. Churchill has advanced in Parliamentary reputation by consistency as well as by courage, and by a newly-developed tolerance of criticism. Viscount Peel has proved himself to be an able representative of the War Office in the House of Lords, and Lord Lytton's work at the Admiralty has been marked by stability.

Sir Gordon Hewart has advanced rapidly as a debater since he proceeded from Solicitor-General, and hisadroitness has confounded the critics of the Government on several notable occasions.

Lord Birkenhead has added to the gaiety of the House of Lords since he climbed to the Wool-sack, which he adorns with grace, and whether on the Wool-sack or off it he has dispensed law and policy with both wisdom and wit.

Sir Robert Horne has been the success of the new Ministry. Although new to Parliament, he was not new either to politics or to administration. His appointment to the Ministry of Labour was a test of a new element in the Coalition combination—the blending of philosophy with the art of government—of which Sir Auckland Geddes and Mr. H. A. L. Fisher are examples. Sir Robert has so far justified the application of the new administrative amalgam in the solution of Labour problems. He has placated Labour, even the Labour members, and the calm of the industrial atmosphere at this moment is to his credit.

RESTORING THE FOOD MINISTRY.

Mr. George Roberts has had a trying time at the Ministry of Food, which he was sent to bury, but found too lively a body to be disposed of prematurely. He is now engaged in revivifying it, and promises to succeed by sheer perseverance. His coadjutor, Mr. McCurdy, has made his Parliamentary reputation as Parliamentary Secretary; his speech on the second reading of the Profiteering Bill was a very remarkable effort and helped materially to secure the rout of the Opposition.

As the author of the Hundred Million Pension Budget, Sir L. Worthington-Evans achieved in a few months a very distinct success. He not only evolved a generous scheme for the disabled, but he placed on a solid basis the whole administrative machinery of the Ministry, and made it the most efficient of all the new departments.

Sir Eric Geddes, Sir J. MacLay and Lord Inverforth have maintained the wisdom of the Prime Minister's innovation of the business man in Parliament. Each Minister has carried great schemes against strenuous opposition, in or out of Parliament, which has not always been well-informed, and both their works live.

TESTATORS WITH HEROIC NAMES.

In a recent list of wills proved there was a remarkable run on names of celebrities. Mr. George Washington Johnson, of Congleton, Cheshire, left £21,418; Mr. Cromwell Wiley Hartley, of Heeley, Sheffield, left £35,039; and Mr. John Julius Caesar Sylvester, Bristol, £2,161.

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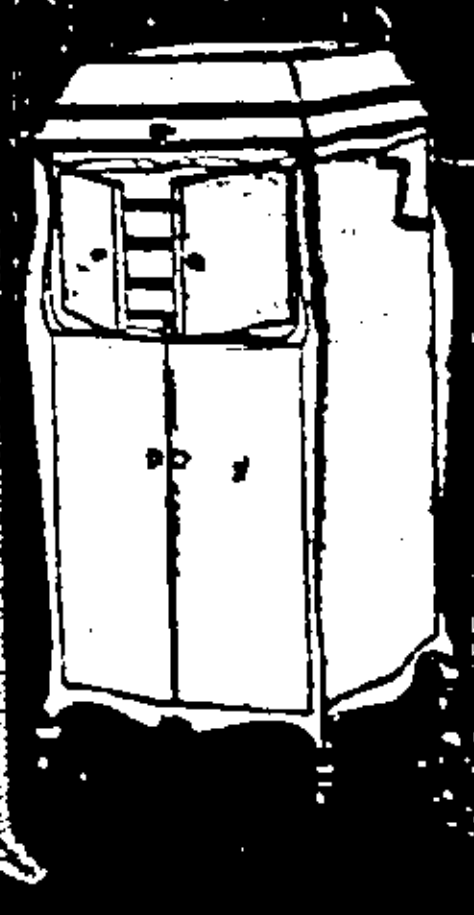
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BEGGING IN BERLIN.

Mr. G. G. Desmond, writing to the *Daily News* from Berlin on August 30, says:—

I hope my country is treating its discarded soldiers better than such men, from all one sees, are being treated in Berlin. As I have already said, the war-damaged soldier is here the most international-minded of all proletarians and it may be that his hard lot has driven him to the right conclusion when he thinks that the return of prisoners and the general treatment of rank-and-file fighters is a matter for the consideration of the workers of the world.

I know that in union the war-damaged are strong in Germany. They have done more to get their sad lot a little bit ameliorated than the magistrates and other rulers would willingly have done. But individually the damaged and discarded soldier is prominently, even obtrusively, pitiable.

I have before me a Berlin sketch, "Types of the Alexanderplatz," consisting of about eighty figures drawn by a talented artist. Taking them all together, boys, girls, babies, dogs, and other little oddments to fill up, 10 per cent. of them are crippled soldiers.

The second figure on the sheet is a wounded soldier playing a concertina, while the third is his companion singing for charity. A little further on, one on two crutches looks hungrily at a vendor of cookies; another sits one-legged and stares mournfully before him; another is blind and fails to see the exquisite joke of a dog running off with a sausage that his little guide tries to show him; and the last figure on the page is double-crutched but cheerful as he listens to the jokes of a cheap-jack.

BEGGARS EVERYWHERE.

When I go out of the Adlon, turning right down the Linden, I must pass three or four palsied victims of shell-shock sitting on the pavement begging for a livelihood. More in the Friedrichstrasse, mostly selling matches or cigarettes; others going in and out the restaurants, awful examples for their child-guides to point to as reasons for giving a copper or two.

In order to buy a ticket at the station I must open my purse under the eye of one soldier beggar at the entry to the guichet and close it under the eye of another as I pass away. Half-way up the stairs a third sprawls in the hope of a further groshen.

If, instead of coming this way, I had turned left into the Tiergarten I should have had to run a stiff gauntlet through the Brandenburger Tor, and in all sorts of places under the trees should have encountered the mournful airs of barrel-organs, groaning and squeaking, "Give, give." My first view of Berlin was when the train stopped on a viaduct by the Zoo, while charitably-minded passengers threw a copper or two to a soldier playing a barrel-organ in the goods yard below. Unlike many first views, it could not have been more typical of the prevailing aspect of the streets to-day.

COMPASSIONATE GRETCHEN.

In spite of their numbers, I think these unfortunate people take a lot of money. Beggars were not allowed in Berlin before the war and their trade has thus the force of novelty. Germans are very kind-hearted people and it is scarcely possible for some women to pass these human remnants without dropping something into their caps.

Enormous numbers of soldiers apparently sound must remain in the once honoured field-grey because they cannot afford to get into civilian clothes. They have the appearance of being de trop, something between the civil population and the well-paid "volunteers" that police Berlin. I suppose if the unemployed were collected in one place nine-tenths of them would be found to be wearing well-brushed uniforms, the garb of their last employment. So, and perhaps because it reminds them too much of the war they have lost, the uniform is resented and in a measure despised by Berliners.

For my part I have a sort of shame when I see these thin and patient soldiers among the fat population of Berlin. I have seen Fritz come over the too and I am for him, if necessary, at the cost of the war-profits as much as though he was my own late comrade in arms walking homeless the streets of London.

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OUR BUDGET.

From the purely personal standpoint, His Excellency the Governor must have felt himself somewhat awkwardly placed to-day, for, on the very first occasion on which he has presided over the Legislative Council, he has been called upon to present the annual Budget statement. Having been in the Colony only just over a fortnight, the Estimates must have been more or less cut and dried before he assumed the Governorship, and His Excellency is therefore working on the programme mapped out for him by others. However, he is happily placed in the respect that he takes over what, in business parlance, would be termed a prosperous concern. Let us take a brief glance at the main figures. The present year began with a credit balance of over five million dollars (which was \$1,085,926 more than estimated), and it is expected to end with \$1,977,810 in hand. As to the coming year, a considerable shrinkage in revenue is anticipated, whilst expenditure is put at a higher figure than this year's, the expectation being that 1920 will close with a credit balance of \$428,327. This is an infinitesimally smaller balance than forecasted for the current year, but there are very large items to be faced on the disbursement side in the coming twelve months, to some of which we shall refer later. Taken as a whole, the financial position must be considered in every way satisfactory, and the Administration is to be commended for its wise handling of public funds which enables heavy expenditures to be faced with no prospect of further taxation of any kind.

The healthy state of the Colony's finances will be apparent when it is borne in mind that the Special War Rate is no longer in operation, this meaning a decrease in revenue of well over a million dollars; that the Opium Monopoly revenue has shrunk by half a million dollars; that well over four lakhs have been set aside as special allowance for Government servants, pending the general revision of their salaries; that big increases occur in many Government Departments; and that a huge development programme is planned, in which Public Works Extraordinary alone account for close on four million dollars, which is nearly double the amount provided for in respect of the current year. In spite of all this, however, we expect to come out on the right side, though His Excellency warns us that the favourable balance may be converted into a deficit when it is known what the Government's rice control scheme and the revision of Civil Servants' salaries will cost. Against these uncertain elements, however, we must set the fact that the dollar, for purposes of sterling payments, has been converted at the "very safe rate" of three shillings.

It is impossible in the space at our disposal to go in detail into the various points of His Excellency's speech. We will content ourselves at the moment with a few references to the steps contemplated for the development of the Colony. With the war over, it is now possible to push forward many important works which have had to be held in abeyance, and this fact largely accounts for the big sum being absorbed for Public Works Extraordinary. It is extremely satisfactory to note that many new areas are being opened by both on the island and across the harbour. The new roads planned on this side, together with the tramway to Wanchai Gap, should induce the erection of many houses, whilst on the Kowloon side also the extensions and improvements should have a like effect. But we had hoped for a far more definite statement of the measures to be taken for relieving the present acute housing situation. It is true that the Government is providing more quarters for its own servants and is doing much to open up new building sites. But the effects of these proposals will not be felt for a very considerable time, and meanwhile the problem is becoming increasingly serious. No mention was made by His Excellency, either, of the Government's intention to build for the public. We wonder what has happened to the Kowloon "hotel" scheme? It was not even referred to. Possibly, these things are included under the heading of those many important matters not yet dealt with, concerning which His Excellency stated that some time must elapse before he could place definite proposals before the Council. So they may be dealt with later by a supplementary vote. Kowloon residents will note with much satisfaction His Excellency's recognition of the rapid development of the peninsula and his promise to investigate its needs. Considerable sums are provided for roads and an improvement of the water service, and we are glad to note that His Excellency singles out the provision of suitable means of transport and the erection of a hospital as appearing to be matters requiring early attention. With some of the other aspects of His Excellency's speech we hope to deal later.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

H.M.S. KENT.

Not a few people are asking whether the Admiralty are going to allow H.M.S. Kent to be broken up after she passes from the Service. It has been made definitely public that she is going to be sold, after certain valuable armaments and fittings have been removed, but there are many people who think that it would be a great pity if this fine ship, after having played so worthy a part in the war, were simply broken up and bartered with as scrap. We have heard one man, encountered with a sense of humour, ask whether it would not be a good thing if the Government bought the ship and fitted it out as a large floating hotel in order to solve, in part, the acute housing question. But we will leave him with his joke. There has been one suggestion, however, made to us by a master mariner who is frequently in and out of Hongkong, which seems to contain a considerable amount of merit. It is notorious that Hongkong possesses no proper quarantine accommodation, and that ships coming into port and placed under quarantine regulations by the Port Medical Officer have to keep their passengers on board until such time as the ship is declared free. Suspected persons on board, or those under observation, have to remain on ship, and it is well-known that if there are Europeans concerned they sometimes do get on shore. In most of the Far Eastern Ports there is official shore quarantine accommodation, or failing that, a properly fitted up bulk. The suggestion is that the Government should acquire the Kent and put her to use as a quarantine station. The gentleman whose idea we are expressing is of the opinion that the cost of fitting it up would not be prohibitive, and that the ship could be taken and moored round at the back of Stonecutters.

THE SENTIMENTAL SIDE.

It is years since a big naval ship like the Kent was passed out of Commission in Hongkong and an opportunity like the present might not occur again for a very long time. By purchase of the ship, the Government would not only provide what is, apparently, badly wanted, but would, at the same time be the means of saving a very interesting relic of the Great War. We do not profess to be able to judge of the practicability of the suggestion of our mercantile friend, but we do share, in common with a great many other people, a feeling that it would be a thousand pities if the Kent simply passed out of existence for the sake of her metal value. We in Hongkong have not many relics of the Great War and to have preserved among us one of the fighting ships that kept the seas for us would be a pleasant reflection. Hongkong's very existence depends on the freedom of the seas and it is to boats like the Kent and the men who manned her that we owe all the immunity we enjoyed during the struggle just past. We shall possibly be accused of weak sentimentality in thinking of the Kent as we do, but, after all, sentiment makes up more than half of life's experiences.

SUSPICIOUS.

We have become quite accustomed to hearing and reading reports of Japan assisting the Peking Government both with money and munitions. Now, according to a telegram to hand yesterday, the Japanese Government has decided on a change of policy, the effect of which is a willingness on its part to help either the Northern or the Southern Government in the manner indicated. This, at first blush, has the appearance of a resolve by Japan to be perfectly impartial in Chinese affairs. But is it really so? Looking at the matter from another angle, may not this new move, by its very nature, involve a perpetuation of the internal strife in China? Both sides have attempted to come to a settlement, but we have come to think that the situation will only right itself when one or other runs short of funds or the means with which to carry on warfare. But with Japan willing to supply both essentials to either party, it looks as if the struggle may be continued indefinitely. What Japan's idea is in deciding on this new policy, we should not care to say, but we do assert that no foreign country should, by its official acts, do anything tending towards the keeping open of the gulf which divides North China from the South. This latest example of Japanese "impartiality" looks a trifle suspicious.

DAY BY DAY.

SOMETHING IS RADICALLY WRONG WITH THE MAN IN WHOSE LIFE HAPPINESS DOES NOT PLAY A PREDOMINANT PART.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

"Lance Corporal"—Your letter is unavoidably held over until to-morrow.

The Naval Quadrille Club will begin its weekly dances on Tuesday next, while the Dockyard Recreation Club's dances are to commence on November 2nd.

Miss Castilho, a young Portuguese woman, was to-day charged at the Police Court with keeping a house of ill fame at No. 7 Heard Street. Defendant, who had nothing to say, was fined \$50, or six weeks.

The following telegram was received by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 9.30 a.m. to-day:—Typhoon 116 degrees Long, E. 15 degrees Lat., N., moving N.W. Typhoon 145 degrees Long, E. 10 degrees Lat., N., direction unknown.

At a meeting held on Tuesday evening in connection with the Royal Naval Quadrille Club it was decided to open the dancing season on Tuesday next 21st October. It is regretted that the old place viz Royal Naval Canton Theatre cannot again be utilised as it is required for the use of the Fleetmen shortly arriving but a room has been engaged at The Seamen's Institute, The Praya, where it is hoped that the support given during previous seasons will be repeated. Dancing 8 to 11 p.m.

VANITY FAIR.

RETURN VISIT TO HONGKONG.

We are looking forward to the arrival of that deservedly popular company "Vanity Fair" at the Theatre Royal next week, fresh from their successful tour through India, Burma, Ceylon, Malay States, and Straits Settlements, where they became so popular that return dates were booked everywhere. In Calcutta alone the company played a six weeks' season to packed houses the whole time, which is ample testimony to the drawing powers of this talented combination. Since the company's last visit many new attractions have been added to the show; new artists, new repertoire, frocking, and novel scenery and effects; frequent changes of programme, comprising the best and newest novelties, from revue, vaudeville and musical comedy, as well as the most popular items from grand opera, should prove immensely popular. Those interested in dancing will have an opportunity of witnessing the new Jazz dance as performed by those two fine artistes, Vera Pain and Steve Laurie. Distinctive dancing, superb singing, clever comedy, added to charming and original staging and frocking, are special features of this bright and breezy show.

Leslie Holmes is undoubtedly a most versatile comedian, full of spontaneous humour, a refreshing change from the average comedian who adopts one particular style of comedy and never wavers from it.

Eileen Boyd, a fascinating Irish colleen, with a beautiful contralto voice; Sydney Manning, a soulful tenor who gives clever impersonations of Maurice Farkas; Shirley Cooke, a charming little comedienne, styled the miniature Margaret Cooper; George Graystone, a fine bass, whose West Country characterizations are a special feature; Madge Griffith, a beautiful girl with a charming voice; George Titchener, another capital comedian and dancer; Thelma Lawn, a fine soprano, with ringing top notes; Mabelle Laurie, a dainty little danseuse; and Jean Desormes, the musical director, who also takes a turn on the stage occasionally, complete combination of talent such as we seldom have an opportunity of witnessing out here in the far East.

The plans for the entire season are now open at Moutrie's and the opening night is in Saturday October 25th, at the Theatre Royal.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

(BY "ENHARMONIC").

"Robert McWhirter," in his very interesting contribution to this paper, last week, called me over the coals in connection with my remarks about the playing of the Police Reserve Band upon the occasion of the arrival of the new Governor. "Mr. McWhirter" states that I should have put on the "soft pedal," and also that my criticism was likely not to improve the chances of getting a "City Band."

As a matter of fact, my remarks were prefaced by adequate recognition of the good offices of the Band, and, indeed, that was not the first occasion upon which I have been unstinting in praise of the musicians and their leader for coming to the rescue on what might otherwise have been musicless functions.

For the remainder, I wrote as a musical critic; in a spirit of absolute impartiality, as I always try to do, and so long as I pen these notes I shall continue to call a breve a breve and a demisemiquaver a demisemiquaver. If my ideas do not always coincide with those of people who are qualified to judge, I fall no further short of my duty than does the greatest musical critic living. Every true musician in the Colony will, I think, agree that had I stated the Police Reserve Band rendered good and adequate music at the function in question, I should have been discredited. I state again, in spite of the fact that all praise is due to the Band for its disinterested efforts upon that and many other occasions, it is not competent to play at open air functions and cannot tackle the class of music required for such occasions. How can it be? It is composed of amateurs who do their studying in their spare time, and that is not sufficient.

It might be said that the occasion was not one for criticism in this column. I agree, with one exception; and it was that exception which prompted me to refer to the matter—I considered the performance (and so did many others) as one of the most striking examples supporting the argument in favour of the provision of a professional band.

I could write a good deal more on the subject, *fortissimo*, but I think, perhaps, it is better to conclude *pianissimo*.

Turning to the matter of amateur orchestras, it is only in cases where there is an extraordinary abundance of real and genuine talent available that anything like success is achieved, when it comes to giving public performances. Take, for instance, the London Stock Exchange Orchestra, which is, of course, composed entirely of amateurs. Every candidate seeking admission to that fine combination (I speak of pre-war times, of course) must prove himself a musician of the highest grade, as an amateur, and has to pass a pretty stiff test before the coveted place is secured. The same applies to the amateur orchestra composed of the indoor staff of the London County Council. The result is, of course, an aggregation that need not be ashamed to play anywhere.

My experience is that unless the factors mentioned above obtain, anything in the amateur line must fall far short of what music lovers understand as a "band" or an "orchestra."

I wonder to what extent His Excellency was impressed by the noise created by the drums and other ear-splitting musical (sic) contrivances at the Gymkhana, last Saturday. Many riders who were listed as "also rans" state that they might have had the pleasure of inviting their lady friends to "lead them in" had not their ponies been put off their mettle by the awful din!

I hear there is some possibility of Kubelik, who is a Czech-Slovak, returning to England after an absence of some years.

The report that Paderewski is to play in public again, if true, will delight his countless admirers all the world over. But if he ever does so it would probably be only in the cause of charity, for as the head of a State he would no doubt be unable to give recitals in the ordinary way. Since the war began, Paderewski has entirely cast

TODAY'S COUNCIL MEETING.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber to-day when those present were:—

H. E. the Governor (Sir Reginald Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.) presiding.
H. E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General F. Ventris).
The Hon. Mr. C. J. Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.
The Hon. Mr. C. Mc I. Messer, O.B.E., Colonial Treasurer.
The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K. C., Acting Attorney General.
The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, O.B.E., Secretary for Chinese Affairs.
The Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., Director of Public Works.
The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Capt. Superintendent of Police.
The Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E.
The Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr.
The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell.
The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak.
Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C. B. E. (Clerk of Councils).

TENEMENT VALUATION.

The following resolution was adopted by the Council:—

"Resolved by the Legislative Council that the percentages on the valuation of tenements payable as rates in the undermentioned area be altered as follows, with effect from the 1st of January, 1920:—The area bounded by the extension of Argyle Street on the North, by the extension of Waterloo Road on the South-East, by Victory Avenue on the North-East, and by the Kowloon-Canton Railway on or towards the West, from 7% to 13%."

In moving the resolution the Hon. Colonial Secretary said this year had not got water supply or lighting or sufficient Police protection and other matters which bring the district up to the 13 per cent. level. Since that time these things had been supplied and he begged to move the resolution that the rating assessment for this district be raised from 7 per cent. to 13 per cent.

FINANCIAL.

Financial minutes referred to the Finance Committee, and subsequently approved, included the following:—

\$9,200 in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, typhoon and rainstorm damages.

\$45,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, communications, road, general works.

\$8,000 in aid of the vote Police Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, communications, maintenance of road and bridges in City.

\$6,000 in aid of the following votes:—Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong:—Improvements to Buildings, \$2,000; Maintenance of Praya Walls and Piers, \$2,500; Maintenance of Public Recreation Grounds, \$1,500.

\$10,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, communications, road to China Light and Power Company's new station.

\$3,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Communications, Roads: Deep Water Bay to Tytam Tuk Road, improvement to section from Deep Water Bay to Repulse Bay.

\$2,335 in aid of the vote Miscellaneous Services, repatriation of insane persons.

\$21,600 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, communications, roads: Repulse Bay to Tytam Tuk, let Section, new road.

\$1,060 in aid of the vote Police and Prison Department, Police, other charges, steam-launch "Blackhead," hire.

\$3,500 in aid of the vote Police and Prison Departments, Police, other charges, purchase of steam-launch "Hapag."

\$1,000 in aid of the vote Judicial and Legal Departments, Supreme Court, other charges, registration of Companies at Shanghai.

THE BUDGET.

His Excellency then delivered his Budget speech, which is fully reported elsewhere.

music aside, even composing (which he cares for far more than playing) in order to work for Poland.

The Gilbert and Sullivan revival, which is to open at the Princes Theatre, London, shortly will begin with "The Gondoliers," and go practically all through the series.

Good old, temperamental London!

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

In these days of initials why should we worry about a new name to denote the inhabitants of the British Isles and their descendants all over the world. Reverse the usual order of mention and you have Wales, Ireland, Scotland and England. Use the initials only and—there you are! Who will dare to say that we are not all W. I. S. E. people?

One of the little problems of the day is the reason which causes servants to select their mistresses, since mistresses no longer aspire to select their servants. Here is a story to the point, vouched for by a correspondent. A woman discovered that the servant from next door was very anxious to come to her, and though, from neighbourly consideration, she hesitated, she did capitulate at last. Then she asked the girl why she wanted to come. "Do you allow your servants to have their baths in your own bath?" "Certainly," "Ah," said the servant, "I always thought you looked the sort of lady to allow that." The mistress is wondering still what is the "bath look."

The presence of mutilated soldiers at the signature of the Peace Treaty was the source of one of the stories of Versailles. M. Clemenceau suggested to the Four that it would be a fitting thing to have present at the ceremony some soldiers who had suffered in the war and won recognition for their heroism. Mr. Lloyd George heartily agreed, and soon afterwards, it is understood, sent a telegram to London asking for the immediate despatch of a few British representatives. There was some ambiguity in the working of the telegram. According to one version it ran: "Send immediately half a dozen first-class heroes," which caused the Generals in Whitehall to scratch their heads dubiously while puzzling out its meaning. In the end they decided to send over half a dozen Generals, who duly arrived on the morning of the ceremony. The Premier was annoyed. To get over the difficulty a strenuous search for "heroes" was hastily made among the marines and motor drivers at the Hotel Majestic and the officers attached to the Delegation. Ultimately a scratch crew was got together, and thus both heroes and Generals figured in the ceremony at the Chateau.

Count Eulenburg, who wants the Prussian National Assembly to provide for the ex-Kaiser's future, was mixed up with that curious composition, "The Song of Egir," which was performed at Drury Lane Theatre in 1911, when the German Emperor visited London in state. At the time it was said to be "written and composed" by the Kaiser, but the account given of its origin by the Princess of Meiningen suggests that Count Eulenburg wrote the words and can claim a third share in the music. William II., said his sister, was "strumming the piano with one finger" one day when he exclaimed, "This ought to make a fine setting for Eulenburg's northern legend." And the Count was sent for, and turned up with Count Moltke. Then, so the Princess's story goes, all three—the ex-Kaiser and the two Counts—"set to work on that frightful piece of claptrap," and when it was finished Count Moltke, "as the only capable musician of the three," was instructed to commit it to musical notation. The Princess was certainly not too complimentary to her brother as a musician.

MACAO • OPIUM MONOPOLY.

The opium monopolists at Macao who secured the privilege a couple of years ago by offering six million dollars per year now realise that the business does not pay and they have petitioned the Government for a reduction of \$300,000 per year for the remainder of the term. The petition was considered in the Governor-in-Council last Saturday and subsequently at a meeting yesterday.

We hear that the application was approved by a majority of votes, only two dissenting, but that the Governor insists that the approval of the Lisbon Government be obtained, which is generally considered unlikely to be given.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN LONDON.

London, October 12.
The first step in a national campaign to support the League of Nations was inaugurated at a meeting at the Mansion House this afternoon. Mr. Asquith was the principal speaker.

H. M. the King wrote emphasising that a strong and enduring League of Nations was essential in order to secure a lasting peace, and commending the cause to all citizens of the Empire "so that with the help of all other men of goodwill, a buttress and a sure defence of peace to the glory of God and the lasting fame of our age and country may be established." (Cheers) The large and distinguished audience rose and sang the National Anthem.

The Premier wrote appealing to his fellow-countrymen to participate in the great crusade to support international order and goodwill.

Mr. Asquith moved a resolution approving the aims of the League and endorsing a proposal that November 11 be celebrated throughout the country as a "League of Nations Day." He emphasised that the success of the great experiment rested not so much with the Governments as with the peoples of the world. There were a multitude of disquieting factors in the International atmosphere and the outspoken and resolute support of peoples was necessary to carry the League through the present difficulties. He emphasised the importance of Articles 12 and 16 and said that if these were properly recognised and carried out the crime of 1914 would never be repeated. One of the first steps towards the realisation of the benefits of the League must be a drastic reduction of the armaments of all Powers, which still immeasurably exceeded the maximum for national safety.

Lord Robert Cecil emphasised that the League would continually care for the interests of peace all over the world. It was not like previous attempts to secure peace, which operated in fits and starts. The road was full of combustible materials, some of which were already smouldering, which must be removed and replaced by sounder material in order to avoid a dangerous conflagration.

Mr. J. R. Clynes said that Labour would not find security by depending entirely on the international working-class movement. The League would do for Governments and Parliaments what the international movement proposed to do amongst the rank and file of the people.

EVACUATION OF NORTH RUSSIA.

HIS MAJESTY'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE.

London, October 13.
The evacuation of North Russia has been completed. The last transport sailed from Murmansk yesterday, and General Rawlinson and his staff are expected to arrive in Glasgow to-day. H. M. the King has sent the following telegram to General Rawlinson:—"On the completion of the evacuation of North Russia, I desire to congratulate you and all ranks under your command on the successful manner in which this difficult operation was accomplished. I wish to express appreciation of the skill displayed by the Commanders and the courage, discipline and power of endurance of all ranks. These qualities have enabled the forces, both at Archangel and Murmansk to be withdrawn from their advanced positions in contact with the enemy, transported over great distances to their bases, and embarked with practically no loss of life. It is especially gratifying to me to note that the withdrawal has been carried out in such a manner as to leave the loyal Russian forces in a favourable position for continuing an active and resolute defence."

GENERAL DENIKIN'S VICTORY.

ENEMY FORCE ANNIHILATED.

London, October 13.
Official details of General Denikin's victory at Veronej reveal that the town was captured by a Volunteer Corps under General Shkuro on October 3. On the following day Soviet soldiers counter-attacked but were beaten off with heavy losses, and driven into a prepared trap where the enemy force was annihilated with the help of Cossacks, who thereupon swung to the south-east and attacked the important railway junction of Liski, capturing 9,000 prisoners. On the south-east front five Red Regiments were completely defeated at Cherneujar with heavy losses.

FLYING TO AUSTRALIA.

A START MADE.

London, October 13.
The Australian airman, Mathews, starts on Wednesday from Hounslow in a Sopwith biplane, attempting a flight to Australia for the Australian Government's prize of £10,000. The route is secret but he will possibly touch at Athens or Constantinople, and thence fly to Egypt, the Persian Gulf, and India. Other Australian aviators intend to follow in the course of a few weeks, probably flying via Otranto, Malta, Egypt, Constantinople, Baghdad, Bushire, Calcutta, Rangoon and Singapore. The flight is exciting the greatest interest.

PARIS-MELBOURNE FLIGHT.

Paris, October 13.
The aviator, Poulet left this morning on his flight to Melbourne.

IRON FOUNDERS' STRIKE SETTLED.

London, October 13.
The iron founders' strike has been settled. The demand for an advance in wages of fifteen shillings weekly will be arbitrated upon. The terms will be submitted to ballot and, if accepted, work will be resumed on the 20th inst.

BEATTY AS FIRST SEA LORD.

London, October 13.
It is officially announced that Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss has resigned the position of First Sea Lord and that Admiral Beatty succeeds him. Admiral Wemyss has been specially promoted an additional Admiral of the Fleet.

AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

Copenhagen, October 13.
A message from Vienna says Count Renner has announced that the two Coalition Parties have agreed on the principles of the Constitution. German West Hungary would join other lands as an autonomous land and Austria would be organised as a Federal State.

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CURIOUS GYMKHANA BLUNDER.

WRONG NUMBER AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.

A very curious blunder was committed last Saturday at the Gymkhana. When the fifth race, Distance Handicap, half mile, was run, the winner's clerk called out the number of tickets on the winner as 90. Ninety was, however, mistaken for 19, on which basis the dividend was paid, and this was only detected when the shroff was faced with more than 19 claimants for dividends. Ninety tickets were actually sold on the winner and 20 tickets on book bets. There was, therefore, an actual difference of \$22.20 on each ticket that Mr. W. Rumjahn sold. The correct dividend was \$16.60, instead of which \$38.80 was paid out on 19 tickets. Mr. Rumjahn's total loss was \$1,800.

Of the tickets on the book bets Mee Cheong, who purchased 10, refunded the amount that was wrongly paid. Two Portuguese, it is stated, purchased five tickets each. The difference has not been made good as yet.

OF INTEREST TO DANCERS.

Under the heading "Too Much Tango" an American paper says that with the prevailing craze for dancing at all times and places it has become noticeable that women whose blood is thin—anaemic—fall victims to neuralgic pains when they dance too much and rob themselves of sleep and outdoor exercise.

The woman who makes great demands on her strength, either by over-working or over-dancing, must keep her blood in condition, or suffer. The pain of neuralgia is simply nature's warning that the nervous system is being starved because the blood no longer brings it what it needs. The one great cause of neuralgia is debility with anaemia, or bloodlessness.

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and used to be stationed at Kobe. Capt. Dixon is a well-known figure in Hongkong and throughout the Orient. The twelve steamers referred to belong to the U. S. Shipping Board, and it is the intention of this Company to purchase some of them. The following are some of the vessels:—The s.s. West Inslip, which will leave here for Seattle on the 27th instant, the West Cactus, which will leave Hongkong some time next week for San Francisco, the West Cajoot, for San Francisco, West Henshaw, Editor, Stanley, West Segovia and West Helix.

The Company now has offices in San Francisco, Seattle, Hongkong, Shanghai, Manila and Kobe. Conference rates will be maintained, and the service for the time being at least, will be strictly freight. The head office of the Company is in Shanghai, of which Mr. Everett is manager and Vice-President for the Far East. Mr. E. A. Nelson is the General agent

CRICKET.

The following will represent H. K. C. C. v. Craigengower C. C. on the H. K. C. C. ground on Saturday, October 18th. Play to commence at 2.15 p.m.:—R. A. Brand (Capt.), E. W. Day, C. Blaker, E. J. R. Mitchell, F. Sutton, P. Jacks, A. Burnie, P. de Paravicini, H. E. Hollands, J. D. Humphreys and A. K. Mackenzie.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

SALVAGE OF SCUTTLED SHIP.

Offers were recently invited by the Salvage Association for the salvage of the steamship Santa Catherina and its cargo. The ship, owing to fire which broke out in the bunkers, was scuttled and sunk off the Abrolhos Islands, near the coast of Brazil. It was captured by H. M. S. Glasgow, and condemned by the President of the Prize Court as good and lawful prize. The cargo was neutral property, and was not the subject of prize proceedings.

P. & O. EXPRESS TO BE RESTORED.

The P. and O. Company has announced the resumption of the trans-continental train known as "The P. and O. Express." By this train, which consists entirely of restaurant and sleeping cars passengers make the journey from Calais to Marseilles without change of carriage. The train will, under present arrangements, call at the Paris station of the P.L.M. and will, as formerly, terminate its journey at Marseilles alongside the outgoing P. and O. steamer. The P. and O. express continued to run until the summer of 1917, when, owing to war conditions, it was suspended.

"WEDDING CAKE" SHIPS.

Thousands of visitors of Brighton and neighbouring resorts in Sussex are, says the *Daily Chronicle*, being attracted to Southwick by the mystery surrounding a series of ships which have been under construction there. They are known locally as "wedding cake" ships. The original intention was to build six of them at a cost of £1,000,000 each, and one has been completed. Its superstructure consists of hollow blocks of concrete arranged in diminishing tiers until the apex is reached about 100ft. from the base. It is not known for what precise purpose the vessels were commenced. All the authorities will say is that they were designed with a special war object, the occasion for which has passed. Their conversion to peaceful functions has been discussed, but, upon investigation, at least one idea—that their bases might be adapted to the salvaging of wrecks—has been discarded. The Admiralty say that no decision has yet been reached regarding their ultimate employment.

DIFFICULTIES OF TRAVELLING EAST.

A correspondent to "a Home paper, in the course of a letter on the subject, point out that many Government servants and non-official residents, both in India and Egypt, are taking their first leave with their families since the outbreak of war, and much of their time is now occupied in searching for accommodation for their return. The interests of these, including doctors, lawyers, businesspeople, and other residents whose return is urgent, are very seriously affected, apart from the question raised by me in the interests of the visits of business representatives in the development of British trade. The accommodation available for those varied interests is so totally inadequate that it is suggested immediately the authorities should take steps to provide, if possible, special steamer accommodation from Marseilles for Egyptian and Indian residents or at least to release more accommodation to the steamship companies during the months of October and November.

SHORTAGE FELT IN PHILIPPINES.

According to information obtained from one of the local shipping offices, says the *Manila Bulletin*, the island of Palawan is not justly served by local shipping. As far as this service is concerned, the general shipping offices, according to the *Bulletin* informant, are ignoring the fact that a great bulk of business enterprise on the small but resourceful island of Palawan is waiting to be handled. The greater part of commercial activity in this island is lumber business, which, according to the opinion of a foreign specialist, who is now in Cebillian investigating the forest condition, must be given due attention by local merchants engaged in this business to meet the demand of China. It is presumed by one of the local shipping offices that many of the people actually handling the business are gradually losing their interest in this industry and eventually will neglect the whole business, due to the fact that no regular run of inter-island vessels is put on that line. To give the people encouragement, the local office of the Luzon Navigation Company will maintain a regular service, according to the statement made by Mr. Rubio, the local agent of this office.

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HAIPHONG via Hothow	Taksang	Sat., 18th Oct. at 8 a.m.
TIENTSIN via Wei & C'foo	Cheongshing	Sat., 18th Oct. at noon.
KOBE	Fooksang	Mon., 20th Oct. at 5 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Kwongsang	Tues., 21st Oct. at d'light.
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The N. Y. K. s.s. KAWACHI MARU (Liverpool Line) left Liverpool for this port via the Suez Canal on the 17th Sept., and is expected here on the 30th October.

The N. Y. K. s.s. AKI MARU (Australian Line) left Thursday Island for this port via Manila on the 5th Oct., and is expected here on the 17th Oct.

The C.M. s.s. NANKING sailed from San Francisco on October 3rd, and she may be expected to arrive in Hongkong on Oct. 31st.

The N.Y.K. s.s. SADO MARU (European Line) left London for this port via the Suez Canal on the 4th Oct., and is expected here on the 13th Nov.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TAMA M. (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Singapore on the 8th Oct., and is expected here on the 29th Oct.

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The N. Y. K. s.s. SHIDZUOKA MARU (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 13th Oct., and is expected here on the 16th Oct.

The N. Y. K. s.s. NAGATO M. (New York Line) left Manila for this port on the 13th Oct., and is expected here on the 16th Oct.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TAMBA M. (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 13th Oct., and is expected here on the 18th Oct.

The N. Y. K. s.s. SHINRYU M. (Bombay Line) left Moji for this port on the 13th Oct., and is expected here on the 19th Oct.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA arrived at Yokohama on 13th October, sailed there 13th October, and is due at Kobe on 14th Oct., at noon, and is due at Vancouver on 20th Oct.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF ASIA left Yokohama 11th Oct., at noon, and is due at Vancouver on 20th Oct.

The P. & O. s.s. GREGORY APCAR left Singapore for this Port on the 14th instant, and is due here on the 20th instant.

The P. & O. s.s. JEHANGIR left Moji for this Port on the 13th instant, at 5 p.m., and is due here on the 19th instant, at about 9 a.m.

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Nagase, from Osaka.

Robert, Carter, St. Georges Hotel, from Kobe.

Cheechiang, Hoshun, West Street, from Shanghai.

Fukuwayu, from Kobe.

Onlec, from Kobe.

Townsend, from Kobe.

Chongwa, Tea Club, from Amoy.

Wongfongvic, Taichan Hotel, from Chefoo.

Bungalow, from Yokohama.

265, from Shanghai.

4149, 2435, 1377, Poon Taw Yin, Asia Hotel, from Shanghai.

Lan Sin Chuen, 7 Des Voeux Road West, from Kobe.

Kaishing, from Amoy.

Yungshingluck, from Shanghai.

Hengsoonseng, from Kobe.

T. KRING.

Superintendent, Hongkong, Oct. 10, 1919.

EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO.

Allitradoc, from London.

Duab, from Patil.

Hammond, 18th Infantry, from Surbiton.

Louise Lacroix, Aster House, from Haiphong.

Nuttall, from Rangangora.

Pirij, from Bataiva.

Piresha, from Bombay.

Villeta, from New York.

Wright, Care Awlik, from Calcutta.

D. de H. FARRANT, Superintendent, Hongkong, Oct. 9, 1919.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN arrived at Yokohama on 13th Oct., left there 14th Oct., and is due at Kobe on 14th Oct., at noon, and is due at Vancouver on 20th Oct.

The P. & O. s.s. GREGORY APCAR left Singapore for this Port on the 14th instant, and is due here on the 20th instant.

The P. & O. s.s. JEHANGIR left Moji for this Port on the 13th instant, at 5 p.m., and is due here on the 19th instant, at about 9 a.m.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE.

From NEW YORK.

The Steamship
"CITY OF FLORENCE."

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd October will be subject to rent.

All claims against steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 29th October, 1919, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 21st October, at 9 a.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by

THE BANK LINE LTD.

General Agents.
Hongkong, 15th October, 1919.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL LINE.

From NEW YORK.

The Steamship
"MINERIC"

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 17th October will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 24th Oct., 1919, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined 16th October, at 9 a.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by

THE BANK LINE LTD.

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Hongkong, 9th Oct, ober1919.

TIDE TABLE.

13th to 19th October, 1919.

Day	High Water	Low Water	Day	High Water	Low Water
Oct. 13	Oct. 14	Oct. 15	Oct. 16	Oct. 17	Oct. 18
Mon.	11.15	5.15	Tue.	11.15	5.15
Tue.	11.15	5.15	Wed.	11.15	5.15
Wed.	11.15	5.15	Thur.	11.15	5.15
Thur.	11.15	5.15	Fri.	11.15	5.15
Fri.	11.15	5.15	Sat.	11.15	5.15
Sat.	11.15	5.15	Sun.	11.15	5.15
Sun.	11.15	5.15	Mon.	11.15	5.15

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HONGKONG, CHINA & JAPAN.

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NOTICE

Molecular and Cellular

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All persons with certain exceptions who remain in the Colony for more than 7 days are required to Register themselves under the **REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE 1916**. Forms of Registration giving the particulars required may be obtained at the G. P. O. and at all Police Stations.

The Penalty for non-compliance
is a fine not exceeding \$50.
E. D. C. WOLFE.
C. S. P.
Hongkong, 5th September 1919.

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BY ORDER OF THE OWNER:
PUBLIC AUCTION
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VALUABLE BUILDING SITE

Situate at
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TSIMTSATSUI
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TO BE SOLD BY
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"INDO MARU"

signees of cargo are hereby notified that their goods are being loaded and placed at their risk in Hongkong & Kowloon Wharves Godown Company's Godown, Kowloon, where delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 21 October, 1919, will be subject to duty.

and officers, in order to give the world a spectacle of humiliation such as has never before offered to it before. German officers and her brave people are hated, hit, but they are not dead! The German spirit, that at present seems shrouded in darkness, still lives, and will awaken some day to the full realization of the shame and disgrace to which it was subjected by its enemies. Some day it will demand the reckoning of its tormentors, though that may be many years from now.

"Therefore, I again, at the eleventh hour, beg your Majesty and not least of all in the interest of your Majesty's own person, renounce, in the name of justice, this step, ominous to all States alike, involving the extradition or putting on trial of his Majesty, Kaiser William II or to consent to exercise the influence allowed you by the Constitution against these tendencies.

"As in the preceding I have appealed to your sympathy, I appeal to your Majesty's sense of justice. I remain your Majesty's devoted

"COUSIN, HENRY,
"Prince of Prussia

"August, 1919."

"In case one should see in unheeded demand for the tradition of a sovereign the desire of the members of the Entente to get closer to the truth concerning the cause of the war—I am able to do this—then one must logically come to the conclusion to also place before the court those who have

The Gazette publishes a Decree ratifying the Anglo-French American Treaty.

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THURSDAY
The 30th day of October, 1919
at 12 o'clock Noon
by
MR. GEO. P. LAMMERT
at his Auction Rooms in
Duddell Street.

The Property consists of:—
All that piece or parcel of ground situate at Kowloon in the Colony of Hongkong and registered in the Land Office as THE REMAINING PORTION OF KOWLOON INLAND LOT NO. 1134.

The Property is situate in a very desirable position ready for immediate building purposes.

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Sale may be obtained from,
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The Vendors' Solicitors
Or From
Mr. Geo. P. LAMMERT.
The Auctioneer.

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. will be held at the Hongkong Hotel on Monday, the 20th day of October, 1919, at noon, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, approving, the draft of new Articles which will be submitted to the Meeting. A copy of such Articles and a copy of the existing Articles may be seen at the offices of the General Managers in Alexandra Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong. In such copy portions of the proposed new Articles which differ from the existing Articles are indicated by underlining in black ink.

Should the Meeting approve such Articles with or without modification, the subjoined Extraordinary Resolution will be proposed:—

"That the new Articles are approved by this Meeting and for the purpose identification subscribed the Chairman thereof, and the same are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing Articles thereof."

Should the Resolution be passed by the required majority, it will be submitted for confirmation to a Special Resolution to a second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

JOHN D. HUMPHREY & SON,
General Managers
Hongkong, 9th October, 1919.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.								
No. of lot as laid out	Beginning No. of Section	Location.	Boundary Measurements.				Containing in Square feet.	Annual Rent Up to Feb.
			N.	E.	S.	W.		
No. 19 A containing Section 107, Cottonwood town.			feet	feet	feet	feet		\$
			130	130	130	130	16,200	12,250

NOTICE.

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THE HONGKONG
CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

The Opening Cruise of the Season will be held on Sunday next October 19th to an anchorage half mile East of Channel Rocks. Race programmes are being sent to members.

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Precaution is important in all things.
This applies to your own finances.
The best way of providing for the future, free
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\$1 to start.
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SELLING

T/T	4/3	
Demand	4/3	3/16
30 d/s	4/3	5/16
60 d/s	4/3	7/16
4 m/s	4/3	9/16
T/T Shanghai	Nom.	
T/T Singapore	180½	
T/T Japan	176	
T/T India	209	
Demand, India	209	
T/T San Francisco & New York.	89	
T/T Java	227½	
T/T Marks	Nom.	
T/T Frances	7.54	
Demand, Paris	—	

BUYING.		
4 m/s. L/C	4/43½	
4 m/s. D/P	4/43½	
6 m/s. L/C	4/43½	
30 d/s. Sydney and Melbourne	4/47½	
30 d/s. San Francisco and New York	90½	
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.	
4 m/s. Francs	7.78	
6 m/s. Francs	7.86	
Demand, Germany	—	
Demand, New York	89½	
T/T Bombay	Nom.	
Demand, Bombay	—	
T/T Calcutta	Nom.	
Demand, Calcutta	—	
Demand, Manila	187	
Demand, Singapore	180½	
On Haiphong	Nom.	
On Saigon	—	
On Bangkok	Nom.	
Sovereign	4.65	Nom
Gold leaf per Tael	33.40	
Bar Silver, per oz	63¾	
forward	63	

SUBSIDIARY COINS

DISCOUNT PER \$100:

H'kong 50 cts sub.	
" 10 "	
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C. coins	

26 WASP STINGS.

Two little girls, while playing on the towing-path between Kingston and Teddington, disturbed a wasp's nest on the river bank, and were attacked. The screams attracted two men, a hairdresser and a soldier, who had some difficulty in getting rid of the swarm of wasps. Both girls were badly stung about the face, head, and body, but the soldier was stung only for the wasps got into their hair and down their backs. One girl was stung in 26 places.

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PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE.

The conclusion of peace makes it possible to proceed with many public works held over owing to the demands made on the resources of the Colony for war purposes. Honourable Members will not be surprised, therefore, to find that the sum provided under the head Public Works, Extraordinary, is close on \$4,000,000. This is nearly double the amount provided for this year, and nearly three times the amount spent in recent years. These are large figures but I feel sure that the Council will agree with me that, now that the war is over, it is the wisest policy to press on our programme of public works to the utmost of our ability in order both to make up the arrears of the years of war and to prepare as fully as possible for the era of increased trade and prosperity which we hope is now beginning. Even as it is we have been obliged to omit several works of importance but, as the year advances, it appears to be possible to deal with an even larger programme than that now included in the Estimates. I shall not hesitate to lay before you supplementary proposals, to which I shall hope to secure your assent. I would mention here that

WORKS IN KOWLOON:
The rapid development of the
Kowloon Peninsula necessitates

KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY.
Under the heading Kowloon-Canton Railway there are a few

TWO IMPORTANT FACTORS.
I have now referred to most of the more important details of the Estimates, but before concluding I wish to revert for a moment to the totals of revenue and expenditure. It will be observed

Age Group	1980	1985	1990	1995
0-14	22	20	18	15
15-24	18	19	21	22
25-34	15	16	17	18
35-44	12	13	14	15
45-54	10	11	12	12
55-64	8	9	10	10
65+	5	6	7	8

"Blue Streak", the principal film now being shown at the Coronet Theatre, is one that should attract. It deals with life out in the open West, and has for its main theme a supposed situation that is handled with very fine humour. It is a very unusual kind of story, but one that interests throughout. The scenes of the "open life", together with the portrayal of some magnificent horsemanship go to make up a picture that is well up to the high Coronet standard.

That inimitable humourist of the film, Max Linder, is seen in a two reel comedy, in which he becomes very seriously entangled whilst piloting himself through the worry of getting married. But of course, everything comes out right.

BY ALLMAN.



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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE STRUGGLE AT RIGA.

London, Oct. 13.
The "Daily Chronicle" correspondent at Riga gives a graphic account of the three days' fighting. He relates how the Lettish rearguard of two thousand men held up an overwhelming force of Germans. Every yard was stubbornly contested, despite the use of gas shells and a withering hail of bullets. Many soldiers were schoolboys who came direct from their classes. The Letts were finally obliged to retire before the machine-guns and armoured cars, but were still holding out on Saturday despite a most violent bombardment. A telegram from Riga states that Bermond announced his intention to enter Riga at midnight on Thursday, but the plan was upset by the sturdy resistance of the barefooted Letts, who succeeded in filling the breaches in their line.

PRESIDENT WILSON.

Washington, Oct. 13.
An official bulletin announcing that President Wilson's condition necessitates his remaining in bed for an extended period has dispelled the hope of his early resumption of the Presidential duties. America is discussing a sensational letter in the newspapers all and to have been written by a Senator declaring that the President is suffering from cerebral lesion, one of the results of which is slight facial paralysis, and he is unlikely to be any material force or factor in anything. There is much speculation regarding the situation, as although the constitution provides that the vice-President assumes office in the event of disability of the President, hitherto there has been no precedent for that.

Washington, Oct. 13.
This evening President Wilson was in good spirits. He had a restful day. The President's physician professionally declines to comment on the Senator's letter called earlier.

THE ANGLO-PERSIAN AGREEMENT.

Paris, Oct. 12.
The Persian Foreign Minister in an interview stated that he requested the Peace Conference to give him audience in order to explain the wishes of Persia. He emphasised that the apprehensions with regard to the Anglo-Persian agreement were unjustified. Persia could only live if she reformed herself and could only do that with the friendly support of one of the great European Powers. Britain was the only Power able to help Persia. The agreement contained nothing attacking Persian independence or constituting a permanent right or monopoly for Britain. Persia was able to appoint foreign advisers, for example French professors. He emphasised that the agreement would be submitted to the League of Nations.

THE MANCHESTER MISSION.

London, Oct. 13.
At a meeting of cotton interests at Manchester it was reported that the Treasury wishes to limit the membership of the proposed Trade Mission to the Far East to three, instead of twelve, and the Government's contribution to £3,000 instead of the whole of the expense. The meeting passed a resolution declaring that the Treasury scheme is inadequate and it urged the Treasury to arrange the mission on the original lines, approved by the Board of Trade, at a convenient time in 1920.

THE LOAN TO CHINA.

London, Oct. 13.
The Chinese loan cabled on 5th. October totals £1,500,000. It arises out of an agreement whereunder Vickers supply a large number of commercial aeroplanes to China.

MINE SWEEPING.

London, Oct. 13.
The American ships which have been helping to clear up the vast minefield between the Orkneys and Norway have completed their task, accounting for 21,000 mines. Only four of the thirty-six sweepers escaped scatheless.

THE POOR TAXPAYER.

London, Oct. 13.
In connection with the forthcoming borough elections, the papers are drawing attention to the heavy increases in rates. West Ham heads the London boroughs with a rate of 15s. 7d. Kensington is lowest with 10s. 10d. The county rates are all increased. Merthyr Tydfil pays 17s. 6d.

FRENCH HONOUR BRITISH.

Moscow, Oct. 13.
There was an imposing ceremony at the unveiling of the monument erected by the inhabitants in honour of the British Armies at Verdun, where the last shots of the war were fired on November 11th, 1918. Anglo-French military dignitaries attended.

LAWLESSNESS IN IRELAND.

London, Oct. 13.
Fourteen men attacked a train between Cork and Queenstown, disarmed three soldiers and disappeared leaving no clue.

QUEEN OF HOLLAND TO VISIT THE EAST.

Amsterdam, Oct. 13.
It is officially stated that Queen Wilhelmina will shortly proceed on a State visit to the Dutch East Indies, under her Javanese title of Sri Baginda Rajah Putri (Illustrious and Gracious Empress).

THE CORN HARVEST.

London, Oct. 13.
It is officially stated that the corn harvest is practically finished. The crops were secured in good condition.

FRENCH PEACE REGIME.

Paris, Oct. 13.
A decree is published abolishing martial law in all French departments where it was proclaimed during the war.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

STRIKE IN NEW YORK.

New York, Oct. 13.
The teamsters and truckmen of New York struck at midnight. Ten thousand are involved. The strike will tie up virtually every terminal in greater New York and prevent delivery of milk and other perishables.

THE FIUME AFFAIR.

Rome, Oct. 13.
An official statement denies the rumours that the King has decided upon abdication in connection with the Fiume affair.

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY.

London, Oct. 13.
The Black Lists, giving names of firms in all countries trading with the enemy, which greatly helped the blockade, are definitely abolished.

WAR REVELATIONS.

London, Oct. 13.
Col. Repington, "Morning Post" correspondent, commenting on the revelations in the French Chamber on 11th. October, expresses the opinion that the British Command has nothing to regret in its action when Nivelle failed. He urges publication of all documents that would enlighten the Franco-British peoples.

ECONOMY.

London, Oct. 13.
The "Daily Express" says that the Cabinet Retrenchment Committee has decided that if real economy is to be realised it must be in the fighting forces. It stated that the Army expenditure has been reduced to £70,000,000. Naval to £60,000,000 and Air Force to £25,000,000. A further reduction in ships is expected.

WHAT GERMANY READS.

BROWSING IN A BOOKSHOP ON THE RHINE.

Cicely Hamilton, writes thus in the "Daily Chronicle":—
In England, they say, we are tired of the literature of war; if what they say be true, the fact marks another and deep-rooted difference between ourselves and the Teuton. The German library, shelf and window, teems with explanations in book or pamphlet of the downfall of empire and army; the other day I

elbowed my way through a crowd thick as bees round a bookseller's shop to discover the centre of attraction in the announcement of a forthcoming publication dealing with the first battle of the Marne, "the beginning of Germany's tragedy." And the general of division who promises the truth about the Marne has imitators yet more highly placed: Ludendorff, Tirpitz, Hindenburg himself, are preparing their volumes for the autumn.

But it is not only the amateur author of world-wide reputation whose writings on the war find a sale; the soldier with views on the crumbling of the front, the professional with opinions on political blunders, has readers in plenty for his pamphlet. Perhaps this interest in the causes of defeat is a symptom of that German thoroughness which once we were bidden to admire; a thoroughness which refuses to accept disaster without understanding of the events that brought it about.

THE SHADOW OF DEFEAT.
For, let there be no mistake about it: the fact of disaster is accepted; in no newspaper, pamphlet, or book since I came here have I met with so much as a suggestion that Germany is not overtaken. Her defeat is explained, is lamented, is excused; but not yet have I seen it denied.

In the first days or weeks after the signing of the armistice there may have been some justification for the belief that was current in England as in France that the German nation did not grasp the completeness of its overthrow and ruin; it may have been difficult, almost impossible, for a people kept in ignorance of the desperate conditions on the front, for a people to whom the prowess of its army was a legend, to realise that the once invincible military machine was in truth at the mercy of its conquerors. Hence the banners on the path of retreating troops, the strammers bidding welcome "To Our Heroes."

Later, with the occupation of the Rhineland, still more perhaps with the publication of terms of peace that only a conqueror could insist on, came understanding of the full extent of the disaster. And to-day it is only a question of how the disaster occurred and who most was to blame for it—High Command, Kaiser, diplomatist, or Socialist-defeatist. All have their accusers, who indict them with vehemence in print.

A SOLDIER'S TRAGEDY.
They are interesting and sometimes moving. I sat long the other night over the pages of an unknown soldier who had written his version of the downfall of the German army. To him it was a tragedy unequalled—this crumbling and rotting of an engine of terrible perfection.

The German army (he wrote) which had not its like in the world: from which even its enemies could not withhold admiration; which no man might look on without pride and a thrill at his heart; which moved to the will of its commanders "like some mighty phenomenon of nature, called into being by a hand that was greater than man's." So wrote a soldier in bitterness of soul, who had seen the army march splendidly into Brussels—and seen it rot and crumble through the years. Till the terrible perfection was a memory only, and the day came when reluctant and mutinous reserves cried insults to the men who fought on. Till Ludendorff's messenger, sent hot-foot to Berlin, demanded peace and a speedy peace—since the German army was breaking!

A WAR NOVEL.
So far I have sought without overmuch success for samples of German war-fiction of the popular order; the Rhineland bookseller stocks them not—for reasons the simplest may grasp. They were based in their day—they must have been based—on the certainty of German triumph; and, being so founded, would to-day read bitterly, ironically.

In my billet one night, I discovered, by chance, an early-war novel on a bookshelf; not liking to ask for the loan of it openly, I smuggled it upstairs to bed with me, and found it much like our own nonsense.
It was an artless little tale which reflected pathetically the outlook of 1915; ultimate victory just round the corner and, in the meantime, a brace of gallant and honourable German officers, beset by the customary spies, I had read the same story in English so often that I could not finish it in German; the only material difference being that with us the arch-villain is von Somebody-or-other, while here he is the son of an English duke and, as such, addressed (according to taste) as "Sir Reginald" or plain "Mr. Broughton."

THE SILHOUETTE CRAZE.
Side by side with the literature that deals with the tragedy of Germany, with the monarchist, socialist and military pamphlets, is the latest fashion in popular art, the "shadow" or "scissors" picture—as we call it, the silhouette.

Every bookseller's shop, every art shop displays silhouettes by the dozen; originals (cheap enough) framed and signed, reproductions and series of post-cards. Any and every subject is grist to the shadow artist's scissors; single figures in groups; the coronation of the Madonna, the adventures of Pierrot, genre pictures, fantasies and fairy-tales.

In silhouette even the invader is popular, and a recent issue portrays with some humour the Highlandman on and off duty. What connection is there, I wonder between silhouettes and times of revolution? The black outline picture was popular in France at the end of the eighteenth century; and in Germany to-day, revolutionary Germany, it is more than popular—a craze.

Is it just the long arm of coincidence? or is there some unthought-of reason—why shaken faith, hatred and turmoil of mind should find its expression in black paper shapen with scissors?

VESSELS LOADING.

EUROPE, U.S.A., ETC.

Manila M.	O. S. K.	Oct. 17
Shidzuoka M.	N. Y. K.	Oct. 17
Prinzessin	P. & O.	Oct. 21
Delagoa M.	N. Y. K.	Oct. 25
Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	Oct. 25
Stanley D.	R. S.	Oct. 25
Iconium	A. L.	Oct. 29
Shinyo M.	T. K. K.	Oct. 29
Celebes M.	O. S. K.	Oct. 30
E. of Russia	C. P. O. S.	Oct. 30
Eurymedon	B. L.	Oct. 30
Toyooka M.	N. Y. K.	Oct. 30
Kaga M.	N. Y. K.	Oct. 31
Khiva	P. & O.	Nov. 1
Suwa M.	N. Y. K.	Nov. 1
Colombia	P. M. S.	Nov. 4
Nanking	C. M. S.	Nov. 4
Saiyo M.	T. K. K.	Nov. 5
E. of Japan	C. P. O. S.	Nov. 5
Van Waerwyck	J. C. J. L.	Nov. 7
Seattle Spirit	A. L.	Nov. 10
Hartland	A. L.	Nov. 10
Wheatland	A. L.	Nov. 11
Africa M.	O. S. K.	Nov. 13
Persia M.	T. K. K.	Nov. 14
Waban	A. L.	Nov. 15
Endicott	A. L.	Nov. 17
Aki M.	N. Y. K.	Nov. 19
Elkton	A. L.	Nov. 19
Eurylochus	B. L.	Nov. 20
China	C. M.	Nov. 22
Kashima M.	N. Y. K.	Nov. 22
Korea M.	T. K. K.	Nov. 25
E. of Asia	C. P. O. S.	Nov. 27
Siberia M.	T. K. K.	Nov. 28
C. of Newcastle	B. L.	Nov. 30
Nishimaha	A. L.	Nov. 30
Seattle M.	O. S. K.	M. of Nov.
Tokiwa M.	N. Y. K.	M. of Nov.
St. Albans	E. & A.	E. of Nov.
Alps M.	O. S. K.	E. of Nov.
Venezuela	P. M. S.	Dec. 2
Nippon M.	T. K. K.	Dec. 6
W. knight	A. L.	Dec. 7
Olockson	A. L.	Dec. 11
Montague	A. L.	Dec. 15
Tenjo M.	T. K. K.	Dec. 18
Montague	C. P. O. S.	Dec. 19
Crevecoeur	A. L.	Dec. 20
Knight Templar	B. L.	Dec. 23
Grace Dollar	R. S.	1st half Dec.

JAPAN, COAST PORTS, ETC.

Nagato M.	N.Y.K.	Oct. 15
Huichow	B. & S.	Oct. 16
Laisang	J.M.Co.	Oct. 16
Sinkiang	B. & S.	Oct. 16
Choyang	J.M.Co.	Oct. 17
Loongsang	J.M.Co.	Oct. 17
Haihong	D.L.Co.	Oct. 17
Taksang	J.M.Co.	Oct. 18
Aki M.	N.Y.K.	Oct. 18
Totomi M.	N.Y.K.	Oct. 18
Cheongshing	J.M.Co.	Oct. 18
Tamba M.	N.Y.K.	Oct. 19
Chenan	B. & S.	Oct. 19
Fooksang	J.M.Co.	Oct. 20
Shinyu M.	N.Y.K.	Oct. 20
Gregory A.	P. & O.	Oct. 21
Taming	B. & S.	Oct. 21
Haitan	D.L.Co.	Oct. 21
Kwongsang	J.M.Co.	Oct. 21
Luchoo	B. & S.	Oct. 21
Shantung	B. & S.	Oct. 21
Tibodas	J.C.J.L.	Oct. 22
Japan	P. & O.	Oct. 22
Indus M.	O.S.K.	Oct. 22
Sosho M.	O.S.K.	Oct. 23
Yuensang	J.M.Co.	Oct. 24
Hinsang	J.M.Co.	Oct. 24
Tjikini	J.C.J.L.	Oct. 24
Tenshin M.	N.Y.K.	E. of Oct.
Konagawa M.	N.Y.K.	E. of Oct.
Shisen M.	O.S.K.	Nov. 1
Tijliwong	J.C.J.L.	Nov. 2
Tjimanook	J.C.J.L.	Nov. 6
Tango M.	N.Y.K.	Nov. 22
Saigon M.	O.S.K.	B. of Nov.
Madras M.	O.S.K.	M. of Nov.

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on October 1, 1919.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATERS WORKS LEVEL.

Year	1918	1919
City	416.45	416.45
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COWLOON WATERWORKS LEVEL.

Year	1918	1919
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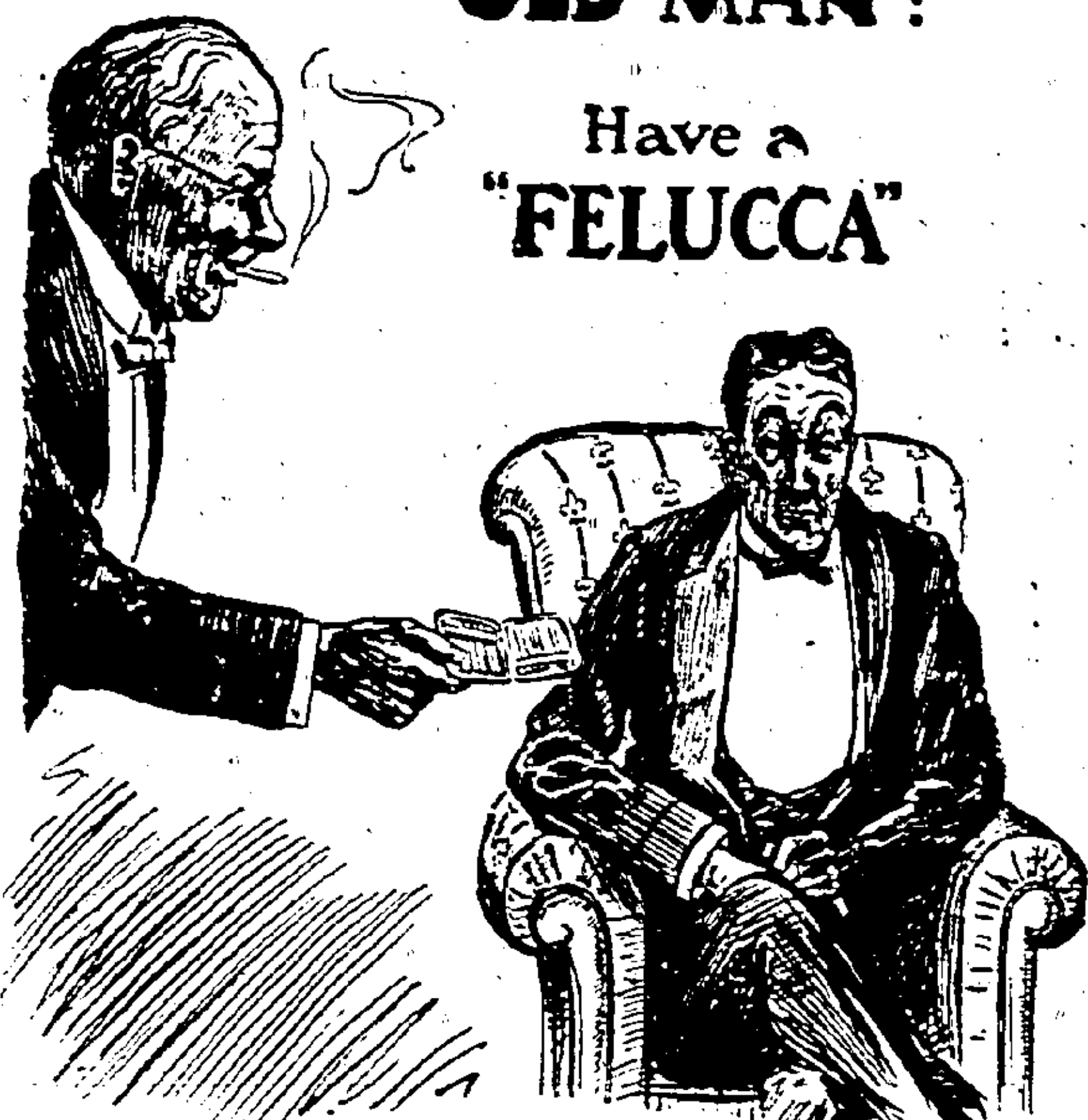
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North Chinas b.	\$200
Unions s.	210
Yangtszes b.	270
Far Easterns b.	23
Fire Insurances.	
China Fires n.	138
H. K. Fires b. 345 sa.	330
Shipping.	
Douglases n.	80
Steamboats n.	245
Indos (Pref.) n.	32
Indos (Def.) b. 192 s.	195
Shells n.	185
Ferries n.	34
Refineries.	
Sugars n.	177
Malabons n.	46
Mining.	
Kailans b.	80
Langkats b.	194
Shanghai Loans b.	194
Shai Explorations n.	210
Rauhs b.	38/9
Tronohs b.	47/6
Ural Caspians n.	47/6
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	
H.K. Wharves n.	111 1/2
K. Docks b.	177
Shai Docks s.	121
N. Engineerings b.	\$28
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.	
Centrals n.	109 1/2
H.K. Hotels n.	130
L. Invest. b.	130
H. phreys Est. n.	94
K. loon Lands n.	46
L. Reclamations n.	175
West Points n.	90
Cotton Mills.	
Ewos b.	\$380
Kung Yiks b.	\$34
Lau Kung Mows b.	\$240
Oriental b.	\$137 1/2
Shai Cottons b.	\$250
Yangtszepoos b.	\$18
Miscellaneous.	
Cements b.	710
China Borneos n.	123 1/2
Do. Light b. old 7 1/2 new 5 1/2	83 1/2
China Providents s.	83 1/2
Dairy Farms s.	25
Electrics H. K. b. 80 s.	84
Electrics Macao n.	34
Hongkong Ropes b.	29 1/2
Hk. Tramways s.	84
Peak Trams, old s.	7
Do. new n.	80 cts.
Steam Laundries b.	34
Steel Foundries b.	10
Water-boats s.	15 1/2
Watsons b.	610
Wm. Powells b.	12
Wisemans b.	29

Hongkong, Oct. 16, 1919.

WEATHER REPORT.

Oct. 16, 11h 40m.—Warning to Hongkong, Philippines, Coast Ports, &c.—Typhoon in Lat 10° N. Long. 114° E. direction unknown, blowing up.

Oct. 16, 11h 40m.—No returns from Vladivostok, Japan or Formosa. Pressure has decreased moderately at Guam and slightly from Shanghai to Hongkong. It has increased slightly over the Philippines and is nearly stationary over Indo-China.

An anticyclone over China is moving eastward. A typhoon has formed to the south-east of Guam. It is probably moving westward. The typhoon in the China Sea is apparently filling up.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.04 inch. Total since January 1st, 71.2 inches against an average of 79.17 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong to Gap Rock.	E. winds, moderate; sea.
2 Formosa Channel.	N.E. winds, fresh.
3 South coast of China b. 1.	The same between H.K. and Lamook as No. 1.
4 South coast of China b. 2.	The same between H.K. and Hainan as No. 1.

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Hongkong Observer 27, Oct. 16, 1919.

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Fooksang, 1987, Br. Capt. Mitchell. Calcutta, J. M.—Mooring—K. Wharf.

Choysang, 1424, Br. Capt. Baker. Canton, J. M.

Jerusalem, 3121, Russ. Capt. Glinsky. Vostock, M. M.

Indo Maru, 3560, Jap. Capt. Aei. Marseille, O. S. K.

Shidzuoka Maru, 3839, Jap. Capt. Asakawa. Yokohama, N.Y.K.—Mooring—A 4.

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METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous.

Day On date On date

at 6 a.m. at 6 a.m.

Barometer 29.93 29.93 29.85

Temperature 71 71 81

Humidity 84 83 61

Wind Direction E.N.E. E.N.E. F.

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Weather c c b

Rain 0.0 0.0 0.0

Wettest open air Temperature on the 15th 71

Lowest " " " " 61

W. O. Observatory, Oct. 15, 1919.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

POST OFFICE.

The Mail from Vancouver etc., per s.s. MONTEAGLE was received to-day from Shanghai per s.s. SHIDZUOKA MARU.

INWARD MAILS.

Manila—Per NAGATA MARU, 16th Oct.

Shanghai—Per CHENAN, 16th Oct.

Shanghai—Per SHANTUNG, 17th Oct.

Manila and Australia—Per AKI MARU, 17th Oct.

Straits—Per TAMBA MARU, 18th Oct.

Japan—Per SHINRYU MARU, 19th Oct.

Europe via Negapatam—Per TOTOMI MARU, 19th Oct.

Japan—Per JEHANGIR, 19th Oct.

Straits—Per GREGORY APCAR, 20th Oct.

Straits—Per TOSAN MARU, 20th Oct.

U.S.A., Canada and Manila—Per EMPRESS OF JAPAN, 22nd Oct.

OUTWARD MAILS.

TO-MORROW.

Macao—Per SUI AN, 17th Oct., 8.30 a.m.

Japan via Kobe—Per MADRAS MARU, 17th Oct., 10 a.m.

Shanghai, N. China & Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States C. & S. America, and EUROPE via VICTORIA B.C.—Per MANILA MARU, 17th Oct., Reg. 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt and EUROPE via MARSEILLES—Per SHIDZUOKA MARU, 17th Oct., Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per LOONG-SANG, 17th Oct., 2 p.m.

Formosa via Keelung—Per BUJUN MARU, 17th Oct., 2 p.m.

Macao—Per CHUN CHOW, 17th Oct., 4.30 p.m.

Hoihow & Haiphong—Per TAK-SANG, 17th Oct., 5 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per PROLESILAU, 17th Oct., 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per AKI MARU, 18th Oct., 10 a.m.

Weihaiwei, Chefoo & Tientsin—Per CHEONGSHING, 18th Oct., 11 a.m.

Java & Port Moresby via Batavia—Per KEEMUN, 18th Oct., 11 a.m.

Macao—Per SUI TAI, 18th Oct., 1.30 p.m.

Macao—Per CHUN'CHOW, 18th Oct., 4.30 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per CHENAN, 18th Oct., 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, 19TH OCTOBER.

Macao—Per SUI AN, 19th Oct., 8.30 a.m.

Shanghai, North China & Japan via Kobe—Per TAMBA M., 19th Oct., 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAIHONG, 19th Oct., 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung—Per KAIJO M., 19th Oct., 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 21ST OCTOBER.

Swatow and Bangkok—Per LU-CHOW, 21st Oct., 9 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per SHANTUNG, 21st Oct., 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAITAN, 21st Oct., noon.

Philippine Is.—Per TAMING, 21st Oct., 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, 24TH OCTOBER.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per QUINNEBAUG, 24th Oct., 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

Philippine Islands, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Is.—Per NIKKO M., 25th Oct., Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

FRIDAY, 31ST OCTOBER.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES—Per KAGA MARU, 31st Oct., Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.